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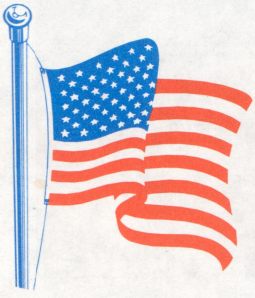
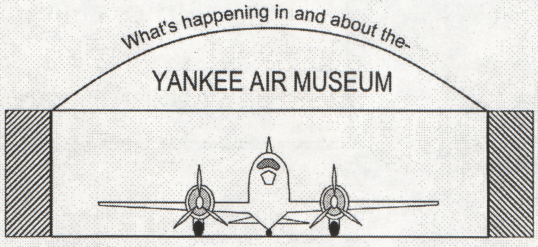




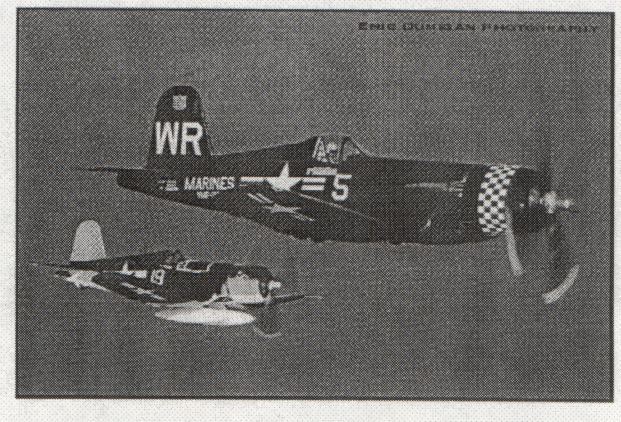
Hangar Happenin's

DON'T MISS THE 2004 GROSSE ILE AIR EXTRAVAGANZA !

Grosse Ile Municipal Airport, Grosse Ile, Michigan

Saturday, June 19th & Sunday, June 20th, 2004
Father's Day Weekend

GATES OPEN 9 AM BOTH DAYS



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of NAS Grosse Ile's Aviation Heritage and Airpower!

A unique celebration featuring warbirds, modern military static and flying displays and one of the premier civilian aerobatic pilots in the world!

Yankee Air Museum is also proud to host its first United States Air Force single-ship demonstration team...the T-6A Texan II East Coast Demo!

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$5.00 (7-15 years old)	*$4.00 (7-15 years old)*
FREE (6 years old & under)	

More info visit ***www.greatlakesairshows.com*** *or* ***www.yankeeairmuseum.org***

ADVANCE TICKET SALES DEADLINES:

Mail orders for tickets must reach Yankee Air Force Museum Store by Thursday June 10, 2004

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Call the Museum Store (734) 483-4030 Ext 202 for details

Volunteers still needed! Call Dave Steiner (734) 645-1150

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members & Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Everyone Welcome

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:30 AM
All Department Chairs & Managers

MUSEUM HOURS

10 AM - 4 PM TUESDAY - SATURDAY
12 NOON - 4 PM SUNDAY

MUSEUM & STORE OPEN WEDNESDAY EVENINGS TO 7 PM

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Visitors to our Museum
in **April 2004**
were from
25 of our United States,
Japan, Germany,
Luxembourg and England

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

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3 June 1959	Graduation Day for first **US Air Force Academy** class
6 June 1944	**D-Day**: Allies invade Normandy
8 June 1995	Downed USAF F-16 pilot **Captain Scott O'Grady** rescued in Bosnia after six days alone in hostile territory
26 June 1948	**Berlin Airlift** begins in response to Russian blockade
28 June 1934	Boeing contracted to design **B-17**
28 June 1945	**Last B-24** Liberator bomber built at Ford Motor Company's Willow Run Bomber Plant
29 June 1955	**First B-52** enters operational service with the US Air Force
30 June 1950	President Truman authorizes **air strikes on North Korea**

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Winner of the 50/50 drawing
at our May meeting was
Jim Redick
who donated his winnings
to the C-47

To contact Hangar Happenin's
E-mail: **hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org**
Phone: **(734) 483-4030 Ext 219**

2004 ELECTION COMMITTEE SCHEDULE
FOR THE WILLOW RUN DIVISION OF YANKEE AIR FORCE, INC.

These dates represent deadlines and fixed committee meetings and activities. Other meetings and activities will be scheduled separately as needed.

JANUARY	**2004**	Submit Election Committee names to the Board.
FEBRUARY		Appointment of Election Committee by the Board. Organizational meeting: choose Chair, review schedule, review rules and suggest ballot revisions.
MARCH	**6**	Meeting: finalize schedule and rules, submit final copies to Secretary and Legal Council for consistency with YAF by-laws. Give copies to Board and post. Prepare *Hangar Happenin's* notice with Self-Nomination Form.
APRIL		Obtain from Secretary list of Board members including those whose terms expire. Notify Board members whose terms are expiring.
MAY		PREPARE FORMS for JUNE (or JULY) ISSUE of *HANGAR HAPPENIN'S* and MEETING ROOM. Make self-nominating forms available to all members.
MAY, JUNE, JULY		Gather and prepare materials needed for September mailing of ballots. Arrange for printing of ballots and by-laws. By-law changes presented to Board.
AUGUST	**6**	Deadline for submission by candidates of completed Self-Nomination forms. Election Committee will collect these at a designated place or meeting room collection box at 4:00 PM. Deadline for by-law/proposal changes.
AUGUST	**14**	Election Committee meets to review nomination forms received. Membership Chair verifies eligibility, accepts or rejects. Prepare national ballot.
AUGUST	**14**	Complete election and by-law ballot preparation, prepare ballots for the printer.
AUGUST	**14**	Alert Membership committee. Make a formal request, in writing, for two sets of mailing labels for members of record as of September 1, 2004 and one check-off list to be ready for September 3.
SEPTEMBER	**3**	Request Membership List, review labels (2 sets) of members of record as of September 1, 2004 and check off list in alphabetical order.
SEPTEMBER	**11-18**	Assemble ballots and envelopes for mailing. Check off on list as "Out." Complete preparations for mailing and check for accuracy. Request stamps from Treasurer. Metered mailing preferred.
SEPTEMBER	**20**	**Mail ballots.**
OCTOBER	**9**	10:00 AM Deadline for ballot return. All ballots to be counted in possession of the Election Committee.
OCTOBER	**9-15**	Log in ballots.
OCTOBER	**16**	Ballot count at 9:00 a.m.
OCTOBER	**20**	Election results presented to the Board.
NOVEMBER	**13**	12:00 Noon Last day for challenges by qualified voters.
NOVEMBER	**13-16**	Review challenges and resolve, forward to Board.
NOVEMBER	**17**	**Final report to the Board.**
NOVEMBER	**20**	Secretary's Office notifies Divisions.
NOVEMBER	**27**	Submit budget for next year.

Self-Nomination Form
NEXT PAGE

Good news! We are pleased to be working with **WSDS 1480 AM** Radio on a weekly 2-hour *Veterans Radio* show on Sundays from 12 Noon - 2 PM. Big Band music will be featured with Yankee Air Museum news, upcoming events, historical perspectives and interviews. Brush off your favorite story and get ready to tell it on the radio! WSDS will be the first radio station in southeast Michigan (and one of only ten pioneer stations in the US) to broadcast digitally around the clock, 7 days a week. Digital radio is the techno-twin of high-definition TV, allowing listeners to hear a weak AM signal clearly inside office buildings and vehicles. Our show will also be available at **www.wsds1480.com** on the internet. Family and friends can listen anywhere in the world now, so make it a great story! Call **George Koch** at **(734) 484-1480**.

YANKEE AIR FORCE, INC.
SELF-NOMINATING FORM 2004

PLEASE PRINT

Name on ballot: _____ Member No. _____
Address: _____ * Membership Category: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM A CANDIDATE FOR THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE OF:

_____

* A candidate must be a General, Life, or Senior Life member in good standing.
The office of President or Vice-President requires the candidate to have held a Board position for one calendar year prior to taking office.

YAF ACTIVITIES

Past or present offices held: _____

_____

Committee service: _____

_____

Activities participation: _____

_____

Other interests: _____

_____

YOUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE YANKEE AIR FORCE: (Limited to this section only)

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

One set of voter mailing labels can be purchased from the Membership Office. Candidate photos may be included at a later date.

THIS NOMINATING FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE YAF ELECTIONS COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM on FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2004.

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED ANY LATER THAN THIS TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

MAIL TO: **YAF**
ELECTION COMMITTEE
P O BOX 590
BELLEVILLE MI 48112-0590

Ballots can also be hand-delivered to the LOCKED BALLOT BOX in the Willow Run Division Meeting Room.

ORDER YOUR FATHER'S DAY GIFT NOW!

YANKEE LADY FLIGHT EXPERIENCE CAP
Baseball style cap comes in navy blue or light tan color. The *Yankee Lady* and *B-17G* are embroidered on the front. The words *Yankee Lady Flight Experience* are embroidered on the left side. The navy blue cap has white piping along the edge of the visor. Caps have size adjustment clasps.

$25.00
$26.50
Michigan Residents

EMBROIDERED POLO SHIRT
100% cotton shirt has knit collar, single pocket and wood-tone buttons at the collar. All seams are double stitched. Shirt comes in light tan or navy blue. You choose the logo you want embroidered on the left chest.

$29.00
$30.74
Michigan Residents

LIGHTWEIGHT JACKET
Navy blue microfiber jacket is just right to wear during spring or fall. Jacket has two secured pockets on the outside and one on the inside. The collar is fastened with a button and the cuffs have adjustable snaps. An elasticized waistband ensures a snug fit. You choose the logo you want embroidered on the left chest.

$89.00
$94.34
Michigan Residents

New Item!

C-47 YANKEE DOODLE DANDY CAP
Navy blue baseball style cap featuring the *Yankee Doodle Dandy* logo embroidered in six colors. Cap can be adjusted to different sizes.

$25.00
$26.50
Michigan Residents

YANKEE AIR FORCE MEMBER CAP
Navy blue baseball style cap. The wing and star *Yankee Air Force* logo is embroidered on the front. The words *Member* and *Yankee Air Force* show your pride in our organization. Cap has a size adjustment clasp.

$25.00
$26.50
Michigan Residents

ALLOW 3 TO 4 WEEKS FOR FREE DELIVERY

TO ORDER CIRCLE THE ITEM ABOVE

Make your check payable to the **YANKEE AIR MUSEUM**

CIRCLE the JACKET or SHIRT size you would like: Men's Medium Men's Large Men's XL Men's 2XL

CIRCLE the FLIGHT EXPERIENCE CAP color you would like: Navy Blue Light Tan

CIRCLE the POLO SHIRT color you would like: Navy Blue Light Tan

CIRCLE the logo you want embroidered on your JACKET or SHIRT:

NO EXTRA CHARGE TO HAVE YOUR NAME EMBROIDERED

Name to be embroidered on JACKET or SHIRT: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone _____ **Best time to call** _____

Mail this order form to:

FATHER'S DAY
MAIL ORDER OFFER
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM STORE
P.O. BOX 590
BELLEVILLE, MI 48112-0590

CONDOR'S CAVE

by Dick Bodycombe

Dear Members:

You may remember that earlier this year, I announced my intention to retire from actively flying the Yankee Air Force "big iron" machines after twenty happy years at old Hangar 2041.

The ancient axiom that "time flies when you are having fun" convinced me that sixty years of flying was more than my share of fun*!*

On Thursday evening, 22 April, I was greatly honored and made humble at a party given by many of my friends and supporters in the YAF. I will describe this wonderful event in a later column.

As the evening progressed, many attendees took full advantage of the advertised opportunity to "roast" yours truly. Recognizing the situation as an organizational ritual in today's world, I believe I reacted in an acceptable civil manner.

Now, in an interesting new development, the gracious editors of *Hangar Happenin's,* **Evelyn Rouse** and **Mary Ann Bittner**, have offered me a golden opening to rebut those "roasters." They have observed that in recent years, *HH* has been somewhat lacking on stories covering the exciting and fast-moving events that take place in YAF's Flight Operations office. Consequently, I have been offered monthly space in *HH* to write a column on aviation matters that might interest you members.

As a frustrated newspaper reporter in my youth, this is a bonanza that I can't pass up. I believe in the "power of the press," so "roasters" beware!

Hopefully, *Condor's Cave* will provide some worthwhile scribblings. The story of how I acquired the call-sign *Condor* in my AF Reserve days will be saved for a later column also.

Since I am more familiar with our B-17 operation in recent years, I'll start covering the 2004 airshow season with our *Yankee Lady*'s recent activities. C-47 and B-25 reports will follow as the summer unwinds.

Master Crew Chief and airshow "miracle worker" coordinator **Norm Ellickson** and his world-class assistants report a relatively routine quiet winter interlude. With the four "zero time" Studebaker-built R-1820s purring smoothly, time was spent on more mundane activities such as the FAA-mandated five-year inspection of the propellers. **Barry Vance**, **Charlie Greenwald**, and **Hank Dallape** reworked the bushings on the engine cowl flaps (which suffer heavy air loads in flight). **Dave Lowry** and **Hank Koivunen** applied serious inspection scrutiny to other aircraft components like the landing gear and wing flap systems.

Ted Edmonds and **Les Kellogg** and their crews continued patient paint touch-up and cleaning throughout the aircraft interior. The two cockpit passenger seats were removed and reworked. **Gary Shelton**'s hard work was always available.

On the aircrew side, the annual ground school was held on Saturday, 24 April, in the very professional training center of *Active Aero* down the ramp. This arrangement was made possible by our Director of Flight Operations, **Randy Hotton**, who has decided to start his B-17 flying career this season.

Our two veteran Captains, **Paul Scholl** and **Duane Nelson**, will lead off the flying season receiving the required annual FAA check ride administered by our peripatetic Inspector, Captain **Steve Rabb**.

Our first outing will be a long ten-day session to cover a Memorial Day weekend at Republic Airport on Long Island, and then to the wonderful Reading, Pennsylvania, World War II redux extravaganza. Let the fun begin!

CONDOR

VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

SATURDAY 17 JULY 2004

Special Yankee Air Museum Event

Yankee Air Museum's collection of Vietnam-era aircraft (one of the largest anywhere) will be featured during this day-long event. Vietnam veterans who worked around or flew these planes will be admitted free for the daytime activities and are invited to come "sit under the wings" and tell attendees about their experiences.

Normal museum admission prices will be in effect for the general public. The Museum Store will remain open during the day to the general public as usual. The museum will close at 4 PM to get ready for the evening's event.

The evening program will feature a panel of veterans, including Yankee members, who flew Vietnam-era aircraft. They will be relating some of their experiences in the Southeast Asian conflict.

Tickets are on sale now for the evening activity *(NO FREE EVENING ADMISSION)* including supper with limited seating.

To order your tickets: **CALL YANKEE AIR MUSEUM (734) 483-4030 EXT 223 ASK FOR SARA WITT**

Day Program
Saturday ***only*** 17 July 2004 10 AM - 4 PM
Admission: Vietnam aviation veterans FREE
Museum members FREE
General admittance
$7 adults **$5** Teens & Seniors (62+) **$3** Children (5-12)

Evening Program Panel Discussion
Saturday ***only*** 17 July 2004 6 PM - 10 PM
Admission: $15 includes meal in the mess tent
Menu: Don't ask...you don't want to know!
Vietnamese ***"33"*** Beer in the Club CASH BAR

Panel discussion members will include:

Col. Richard Atchison USAF (Ret.)
Forward air controller (FAC) Call Sign: *NAIL 229*

LCDR Dan Conrad USN (Ret.)
Founding member of the OV-10 Unit HAL-4 known as the *Black Ponies*

Music on the PA

The Mamas and & the Papas
The Doors
Rolling Stones
Petula Clark
John Denver
~~Tommy Dorsey~~

VIETNAM ERA AIRCRAFT AT YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

F-105B Thunderchief
F-4C Phantom
UH-1H Iroquois (Huey)
TF-102 Delta Dagger
RB-57A Canberra
EA-6A Intruder
A-7D Corsair II
YOV-10A Bronco
B-52D Stratofortress
C-47B Skytrain

The B-52 displayed at Yankee Air Museum has Vietnam combat time.

PHOTOS BY DAVE STEINER

VIETNAM EVENING PROGRAM

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

$15

HOW MANY TICKETS? _____ X COST PER TICKET _____ = TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

VISA and MasterCard accepted

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Please send payment with stamped, addressed return envelope.

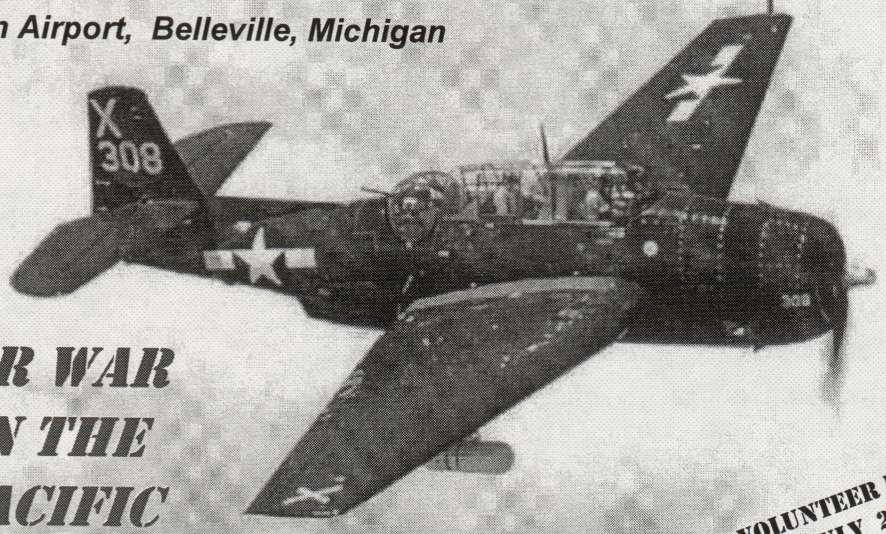
F-4C Phantom

Mail to **Yankee Air Museum Store**
P O Box 590
Belleville MI 48112-0590

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN 2004

Saturday, August 7th and Sunday, August 8th

Willow Run Airport, Belleville, Michigan



AIR WAR IN THE PACIFIC

VOLUNTEER ROUND-UP
10 JULY 2004 1 PM
YAF MEETING ROOM

TICKET MAIL ORDERS MUST REACH THE YAF MUSEUM STORE BY THURSDAY
JULY 29, 2004

Send a stamped pre-addressed return envelope with payment to

Yankee Air Force
PO Box 590
Belleville MI
48112-0590

VISA / MC also accepted by phone (734) 483-4030 Ext 202

IN-STORE ADVANCE PURCHASE & PICK-UP ENDING SUNDAY
AUGUST 1, 2004

Come see one of the largest warbird events in North America, featuring a salute to Naval Aviation including 17 TBM Avengers scheduled to attend!

It's sure to be a show that's not to be missed. Saturday, August 7th and Sunday August 8th

Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm BOTH DAYS

GATE PRICES

$15.00 (16 + years old)
$10.00 (7-15 years old)

ADVANCE TICKET PRICES

$10.00 YAF MEMBERS ONLY
$12.00 (16+ years old)
$8.00 (7-15 years old)

FREE (6 years old & under)

For additional information about advance ticket sales visit
www.yankeeairmuseum.org

Want to get in early?
Check ***www.yankeeairmuseum.org*** *for more information on* ***Arrival Day Admission and Photo Tours.***

Tickets now on sale! ***$ 65***
includes admission to Saturday and Sunday air displays, plus dinner and symposium Saturday evening.

The Room 216 Report

by ***Jon Stevens*** *L 4172 WR*

We've all seen new terms and expressions enter the language. If they aren't properly defined, there's often a misconception as to what they really mean. One such expression we've used over the last few years is *world-class museum*, which has been used to describe what we intend to create at Willow Run. Since there's been some confusion as what this expression really means, let's clarify it here.

Before we get into what the expression means, let's talk about what it *isn't*. The most two significant things it doesn't mean are the sizes of facilities and budget. Granted, while there are several *world-class* museums that are very large in both (the *Smithsonian* and *USAF Museum* come to mind), there are also many others that are small in both scope and size of facility, which run on fairly small budgets.

One of the smaller examples is the *American Museum of Fly Fishing*, which is located in a medium-sized house in Manchester, VT. Considering that a significant part of their collection is 1,200 fishing reels, they really don't need a large facility to do their job well. Another is the *Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza* , which takes up the top two floors of the seven story, 100' x 100' Texas School Book Depository building in downtown Dallas, TX. Here the space is determined by the building itself, and its historical significance.

What *world-class* really means is *what* you do, and *how* you do it. By adopting what are considered to be the best museum practices and higher than "normal" standards, a museum can be considered to be *world-class*. While there are several ways to measure this, the most highly recognized means in the U.S. is accreditation by the American Association of Museums (AAM).

The accreditation process can take 2½ to 3½ years, from the time of initial application, until a final determination is made, assuming everything goes according to plan (*Hello, Capt. Murphy…*). Then, after you've received this status, you get to repeat the process every ten years. And, yes, the four museums mentioned earlier here are all AAM accredited.

The process is not for the faint of heart, but the recognition within the museum and grant-making communities is significant. We're not ready to apply yet, but we're working towards it, and making a number of internal changes to make the application process go more smoothly later on.

As an aside, we traditionally start our flying season with the *Polishing Party* every spring, and this year's event drew the largest crowd we ever had. To build onto that event, at the suggestion of **Norm Ellickson**, Volunteer Coordinator **Don Brackett** and Marketing's **Brian Higgins** came up with the idea of making this past April our first Membership Recruitment month setting a goal of 150 new members.

While we fell short of our goal (the last count I heard was around 100), it was still a big success, and the beginning of what I'd hope to see as a new tradition. Please thank Don, Brian and Norm the next time you see them!

As always, if you've got anything you'd like to discuss, please feel free to call me at **(248) 353-3384** or e-mail me at: **jon_stevens_77@worldnet.att.net**

Until next month, let's keep talking, and keeping 'em flying!

BOARD REPORT

by Dave Steiner

Yankee Air Museum Flight Ops office named for General Bodycombe

The board has unanimously passed a resolution renaming, in perpetuity, the Yankee Flight Ops office the *Richard Bodycombe Flight Operations Room*. **Dick Bodycombe** has been a Yankee member since 1982 and set the standard for YAF aircraft operation and procedures. Dick's flight log shows over 1,765 hours in YAF aircraft, plus he has given untold time and effort during the past 22 years to benefit Yankee Air Force and Yankee Air Museum. We are forever indebted for his service and unselfish support. At a special "roast" held in April, Dick officially hung up his goggles, but will still be traveling as a passenger and proud Yankee member to many air shows. Tailwinds always, General.

Advertising monies approved

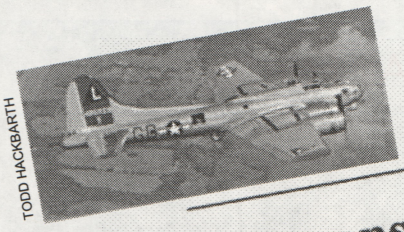
Bob Hynes presented an advertising proposal for Memorial Day, Grosse Ile and *Thunder over Michigan*. Ads will run on WWJ/WXYT, WJR and Channel 4 WDIV a week before the first two events and two weeks prior to *Thunder*. One thing we will do for the first time is hand out survey postcards at the gates that attendees can fill out and mail to YAM or drop in a box by the gate. These returned surveys will give us a better idea of how the general public is finding out about our events and give us a way to contact them.

Les Klima elected Treasurer

Les Klima was elected YAF treasurer to replace **Erwin Stirnweis** who stepped down but graciously consented to remain on and help Les get up to speed. Les worked with Erwin the past six months, so he is not coming into this very important job cold turkey.
The board cannot thank Erwin enough for his service the last two years as treasurer, and for staying around in a non-official capacity to help Les. A new CPA firm has also been hired to review the YAFM books and assist with accounting. Our CPA is Kelli Batianis of Belleville, Michigan. She has already been working with Les and Erwin and is familiar with our accounting software and working with non-profit organizations. One of the reports she helped generate is a year-to-year comparison of YAF financial performance (i.e. how we did March 2004 versus March 2003). This will be very helpful for the finance committee and department heads to track the progress of their departments and our museum in general.

Saginaw Division doing well

The Saginaw budget proposal for 2004 was passed. They made about $1000 last year on expenses of about $6K.


TODD HACKBARTH

Veterans Night at Comerica Park

Wednesday, 7:05 PM, June 30th, 2004

Yankee Lady flyby scheduled!

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

PLAY BALL! with the YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Wednesday, June 30, 2004

Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians

All Veterans, their families and friends receive $10 off Lower Deck Outfield Box Seats

Receive a complimentary food coupon good for a small drink and your choice of hot dog or pizza slice with every ticket

Remember to wear your colors!

$30 value for just $15

Veterans Day Ticket Order Form

Please circle whether you need handicapped seating yes or no ____ # of tickets

Type of Seat	Full Price Ticket	Veterans Discount	Total Cost Per Ticket	# of Tickets	Total Cost
Lower Deck O.Box Seat * Sections (112-116)	$25.00	$10.00 off	$15.00	____	$ ____
Also, every ticket receives a food coupon for a free small drink and your choice of hot dog or pizza slice					
* Seat Location is Best Available			GRAND TOTALS		$ ____ U.S. Funds

* Veterans must use this ticket order form to receive special discount on June 30th game. This offer not available at the Comerica Park Box Office or through any Ticketmaster outlets. **Mail or Fax only.**

Detroit Tigers Inc.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail address: _____

_____ ____/____/____

CREDIT CARD # EXP. DATE

Fax this form to 313-471-2599 or mail form w/ payment to:

Veterans Day
Detroit Tigers
c/o Jeff Sanders
2100 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201

Make checks payable to "Detroit Tigers Inc."(Checks or Credit Card only) or email us at jeff.sanders@detroittigers.com

Note: Orders must be received by June 23th

A sales representative will contact you when your order is received

ORDER FORM MUST BE SENT **TO JEFF SANDERS AT COMERICA PARK** (NOT YANKEE AIR MUSEUM)

2004 YANKEE AIR FORCE AIRSHOW SCHEDULE

B-17!			Jun 01-03	Mid Atlantic Air Museum dsply -FLEX	Reading, PA
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jun 04-06	WWII Commemorative Weekend -FLEX	Reading, PA
		C-47!	Jun 08	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfld,OH
	B-25!		Jun 11-13	Airport Open House/Static Dsp -FLEX	Indiana, PA
		C-47?	Jun 15	YAF member trip to P-38 Glacier Girl	Middlesbro,KY
B-17!		C-47!	Jun 18-20	MAPS Aero Expo 2004 -FLEX	Akron,OH(AKR)
	B-25!		Jun 19-20	Yankee Air Force Grosse Ile Airshow	Grosse Ile,MI
	B-25!		Jun 26-27	EAA 582 Plane Fun Fly-In (1G0) -FLEX	Bowlng Grn,OH
B-17!			Jun 26-27	Aircraft Static Display -FLEX	Springfld,OH
		C-47!	Jun 26	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfld,OH
		C-47?	Jun 27	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfld,OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 02-03	Goshen Airshow	Goshen, IN
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Jly 09-11	Geneseo Airshow - History of Flight	Geneseo, NY
		C-47?	Jly 13	YAF member trip to Chanute Museum	Rantoul, IL
B-17!			Jly 23-25	Air Expo 2004-Wings / North -FLEX	EdenPrairieMN
	B-25!		Jly 25	Cranbrook Flyby - car show	Blmfld Hls,MI
		C-47!	Jly 27	YAF member trip to Mackinac Island	Mackinac, MI
B-17!			Jly 30-01	Indianapolis Airshow 2004 TB -FLEX	Mt Comfort,IN
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 07-08	Air Display 2004-Thunder Over Mich	Willow Run,MI
		C-47?	Aug 10	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfld,OH
B-17!			Aug 13-15	Westover ARB Open House	Chicopee, MA
	Stnsn!		Aug 15	YAF Saginaw Division Dawn Patrol	Saginaw, MI
	B-25!	C-47!	Aug 15	Pontiac Airport Open House -FLEX	Waterford, MI
B-17!		C-47!	Aug 21-22	Airport Open House/Static Dsp -FLEX	Delaware, OH
	B-25!		Aug 20-21	Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Commemoratv	Oscoda, MI
	B-25!		Aug 22	Aircraft Static Display -FLEX	HrbrSprngs,MI
		C-47!	Aug 24	YAF member trip to New K-zoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo, MI
		C-47?	Aug 25	YAF member trip to New K-zoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo, MI
B-17!	B-25!		Aug 27-29	Toledo Airshow TB	Toledo, OH
	B-25!		Sep 03-04	Fly-In / Cruise-In -FLEX	Marion, IN
B-17!	B-25!		Sep 11-12	Aviation Day with Flair-Kent State	Stow, OH
		C-47?	Sep 14	YAF member trip to USAF Museum	Springfld,OH
B-17!	B-25!	C-47!	Sep 19	YAF Founder's Day Open House	Willow Run,MI
B-17!			Sep 24-27	Aviation Hall of Fame display -FLEX	Teterboro, NJ
B-17!			Oct 01-03	U.S. Aviation Museum Airshow -FLEX	Euclid,OH-CGF
		C-47?	Oct 03-08	YAF member trip to NC, GA, FL	
				Battleship USS North Carolina	Wilmington,NC
				Mighty Eighth Air Force Her. Museum	Savannah, GA
				U.S. Naval Aviation Museum	Pensacola, FL
B-17!			Oct 09	Boy Scout Open House/Static Display	Romeo, MI

! Definite **?** Tentative **FLEX** Flight Experiences **TB** US Air Force Thunderbirds

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In Memory Of...

William Mell
#3714 WR
Passed away
18 December 2003

Bob Foy
#9125 WR
Husband of Carol Foy
Passed away
18 April 2004

Andrew Maciag
#4456WR
Father of Karen Maciag Bomar
Father-in-law of Bob Bomar
Passed away
20 April 2004

Jim Uhley
#973 WR
Charter Life Member
Passed away
2 May 2004

We miss them greatly. Our deepest sympathy to their families.

FLY GOONEY !

This flying season our C-47 *Yankee Doodle Dandy* will once again take Yankee members to destinations of interest. Seats are first-come, first-served, so get your check, MasterCard or VISA payment in pronto! Except as noted, price covers only flight cost, not admission to the museums, food or any ground transportation necessary.

DATE			DESTINATION	ROUND TRIP COST
Tuesday	June	8	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	*SOLD OUT*
Tuesday	June	15	**Middlesboro, Kentucky** P-38 *Glacier Girl*	$ 235
Saturday	June	26	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	*SOLD OUT*
Sunday	June	27	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	$ 100
Tuesday	July	13	**Chanute Field** at **Rantoul, Illinois** once Chanute AFB	$ 165
Tuesday	July	27	**Mackinac Island**	$ 155
Tuesday	Aug	10	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	$ 100
Tuesday	Aug	24	**Kalamazoo, Michigan** The New Air Zoo	*SOLD OUT*
Wednesday	Aug	25	**Kalamazoo, Michigan** The New Air Zoo ***NEW TRIP!***	$ 65
Tuesday	Sept	14	**Dayton, Ohio** USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB	$ 100
Sunday	October	3	**Grand Tour: Wilmington, North Carolina** *USS North Carolina*	
RETURNING			**Savannah, Georgia** *8th AF Museum*	
Friday	October	8	**Pensacola, Florida** *Naval Air Museum*	

Includes airplane expenses, motel with dual occupancy, ground transportation, and museum admittance: $ 900

NAME _____ YAF MEMBER # _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

DATE _____ DESTINATION _____ HOW MANY SEATS? _____ X COST PER SEAT _____ = TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ VISA and MasterCard accepted

Yankee Air Museum reserves the right to cancel any of these excursions at any time and refund participant the full amount paid. Refunds will not be granted except for trips cancelled by Yankee Air Museum.

Make checks payable to:
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and send to: **PO Box 590**
Belleville MI 48112-0590
To pay by credit card:
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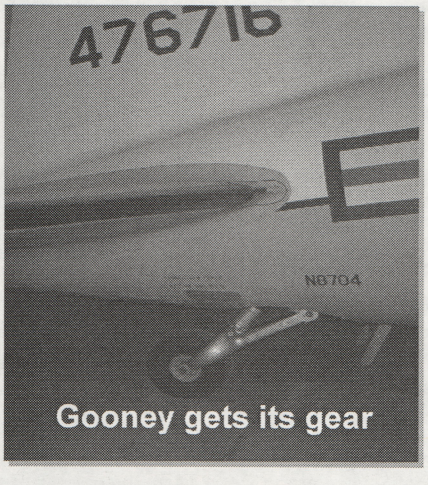

No More Hangar Rash !

Now that another flying season has begun, something needs to be said. There has been way too much ***hangar rash*** in the past year or so! If you are going to move an aircraft or piece of equipment anywhere on the hangar floor or out on the ramp, stop and take a deep breath. Then think.

Is there anything that I might run into?
If I am using a tug, are the brakes working?
While I'm pushing this piece of equipment
(air stair or ladder, for instance) how quickly can I stop it?
How much clearance do I have on the right, left, forward and up?

Most hangar rash is caused by being in a hurry.
So before you try to move anything, take a deep breath and check your clearances. Then go ahead and move what you have to!

Don Burke

Our C-47 *Yankee Doodle Dandy* now has its tailwheel reinstalled thanks to **Charlie Greenwald** and **Richard Whiteside** and is ready to start its summer day trip excursions. First trip scheduled is to the US Air Force Museum June 8th then June 15th to see the P-38 *Glacier Girl* in Kentucky. Fly Gooney!

CONNIE'S CORNER

by
Connie Kosek

Due to limited space, ***Connie's Corner*** *was shortened this month, omitting an amusing collection of old sayings which we hope to print at a later date.*

JUNE *... my favorite month! Long happy days of summer, June brides, picnics, warm nights ...*

And important historical dates such as June 6th, 1944: *Operation Overlord*, the invasion of Normandy, France. This is well-known as the most famous *D-Day,* the name given to any date secretly set for Allied landings on enemy-held coasts. Allied troops brought over 1000 ships, 1000 planes, 513 gliders, and thousands of troops enduring horrible weather. Although they sustained many casualties, it instigated *the beginning of the end* of World War II in Europe.

Also remember:

June 14th FLAG DAY ... Remember to fly *Old Glory.*

June 20th FATHERS DAY ... honor them all*!*

June 21st FIRST DAY OF SUMMER ... and maybe Graduation Day for some.

June 23rd This date in 1945 signifies the last Glider Plane operation in Luzon, Philippines.

June 25th This date in 1950 marked the beginning of the Korean War.

Richard Bodycombe Fund

After sixty-two years, Major General **Richard Bodycombe** has decided that 2003 was his last year as a Pilot and Co-Pilot. On 22 April 2004 a dinner was held in his honor. In addition to the many accolades presented, a few barbs were also handed out. Sixty-five Yankee Air Museum members paid tribute.

A special trust fund has been established in Dick's name. More than $600 has already been contributed in Dick's honor. If you would like to make a contribution, please send your donation made out to:

YAF – Bodycombe Fund
Attention: Kathleen Hines
1790 S Congress
Ypsilanti MI 48197

Use of the fund has not yet been determined. One suggestion is to provide Flight Operations with new and updated equipment and furniture. If you have any ideas, please send a suggestion with your donation. We'll keep you updated on the fund and its use.

Casey Hines

Yankee member **Eric Aubrey** is working in central Iraq as a project manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers...at least that's what we're telling most people*!* He's really our *Hangar Happenin's* correspondent embedded in Baghdad*!* We're hoping for many good reports. Wishing you well, Eric, and we'll see you back home in September.

Thank You All For
Helping Us Grow!
The month of April was, and will be NEW MEMBER MONTH ! Thanks to the generous effort of our current volunteers we signed up nearly 100 new members in April. The need continues, so "keep 'em comin'!" The drawings for the prizes were held May 8th and will be posted on the meeting room bulletin board. Winners will also be notified directly.

Last July 2003, I was at *Chautauqua Institution* in New York when I heard the beautiful sound of four radial engines passing overhead, and looking up, I saw what I later learned was the *Yankee Lady* fly by. After a few telephone calls to the airport where I park my plane during the summer, I found out that the *Yankee Lady* was at Jamestown, New York for a show, and I could have a ride, which I did. My father was alive then, and I telephoned him on my cell phone to let him know I was sitting in a B-17 (his airplane) which was a highly emotional moment for each of us, an experience that we each could now share, an experience that was a major part of his past, which he would not speak or tell me about, but a past experience I had heard from him until the day he died this past January 2004, when he would say, "I don't want to talk about it but let me tell you about the time during the war when I..."

I am enclosing a photocopy of his treasured picture (I circled my father in the group) that he kept on his dresser and every now and then he would show it to me and tell me "All I wanted to do was to do my job and come back home."

He and I were both happy to share the same experience of flying in a B-17, which he wanted mentioned at his funeral. After he had read a copy of *Hangar Happenin's* at my house last October 2003, written by a person about his own experience of seeing four or five B-17s in the sky at once, my father said to me, "I guess I was lucky to have seen B-17s by the hundreds in the sky all at the same time."

The *Yankee Lady* provided a wonderful memory for my father and me, and now that he has died, I am able to feel all the more at one with my father because I was able to share a significant moment of four years of his life, which was always in his mind and heart.

Thank you, John, for sending your wonderful story and photograph.
Yankee Air Museum is honored to help keep these memories alive.
A special copy of this Hangar Happenin's will be sent to your father
in care of our Yankee Air Force Heaven Division.
So many are there and we love and miss them all.

Very truly yours,

John A. Lindauer
Manlius, New York

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ON THE HORIZON

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JUNE 2004

Wednesday night June 2nd: Meet our newest scholarship winners at the YAF general membership meeting 7:30 PM Belleville High School graduates **Jacob Laginess** and **Michael Sell**

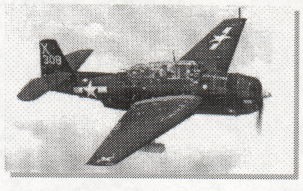
Tuesday June 8th: **FLY GOONEY! C-47 excursions begin!** Details on Page 12 of this issue.

Saturday June 12th: Wurtsmith Division's *Dick DeYoung Memorial Golf Tournament* in Harrisville, Michigan. *Call (989) 362-5740*

Saturday-Sunday June 19th-20th: ***Grosse Ile Air Extravaganza*** ***GREAT IDEA FOR FATHER'S DAY !*** See Cover of this issue or ***www.yankeeairmuseum.org*** for details.

Wednesday night June 30th: **Veterans Night at Comerica Park** *ORDER BLANK on Page 10 of this issue!* YAF will have a membership booth at Comerica Park for this event.

JULY 2004



Saturday July 10: **Volunteer sign-up for *Thunder Over Michigan 2004*** 1:00 PM in our Members' Meeting Room at the Hangar

Saturday July 17: **VIETNAM RECOGNITION DAY and evening symposium**

AUGUST 2004

Saturday-Sunday August 7th-8th: ***Thunder Over Michigan 2004*** Air Display and Symposium at Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport See Page 8 of this issue or ***www.yankeeairmuseum.org*** for details.

Saturday August 14th: Michigan Aerospace Foundation fundraiser at the Yankee Air Museum

Saturday August 14th: Wurtsmith Division's 10th Annual Hangar Dance 6:30-11:00 PM (989) 739-7555

Sunday August 15th: YAF Saginaw Division's Dawn Patrol > Stinson!

Sunday August 15th: Wurtsmith Division's Annual Dawn Patrol Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

Sunday August 20-21: Wurtsmith Division's Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Commemorative > B-25!

SEPTEMBER 2004

Thursday September 9th: **YAF GOLF WAR**, Pine View Golf Course, Ypsilanti, Michigan 10 AM start Details in last month's *HH* and more to follow in July or call **(734) 645-1150**

*For more information about Yankee Air Museum events, call **(734) 483-4030.** Ask for **Sara Witt**.*

Cadet Kyle Dalziel (center) receives the ***Yankee Air Force LIBERATOR AWARD*** at University of Michigan's Tri-Service Awards Ceremony

Pictured from left to right are **Col. Ray Hunter USAF (Ret.)** **Cadet Dalziel** and **Col. Doug Goebel USAF**

The *Yankee Air Force Annual Liberator Award* was presented to Cadet Kyle Dalziel on Wednesday 14 April 2004 at the University of Michigan's Rackham Auditorium by Yankee Air Force Director **Ray Hunter**. The award is presented each year to an outstanding cadet in the U of M's Air Force Reserve Officer's Training program. The award is a framed and personalized copy of a photograph of a World War II B-24 Liberator bomber featuring the Michigan Stadium as a part of its nose art.

Cadet Dalziel is from Austin, Texas and is majoring in Aerospace Engineering. He proudly says that he came to the University of Michigan because he wanted to study in one of the best Aerospace Engineering departments in the United States.

Pictured with Ray are Cadet Dalziel and Colonel Doug Goebel, head of the University of Michigan's AFROTC program.

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